

# Welcome to St. Stephen's Anglican Church



*Advent II, December 7, 2008*

St. Stephen's is a traditional Anglican presence in Athens, Texas witnessing God's love through worship, prayer, fellowship and outreach.

## IN OUR DAILY PRAYERS LET US INCLUDE

### The Catholic Church and all Anglicans

**O** GRACIOUS Father, we humbly beseech thee for thy holy Catholic Church; that thou wouldest be pleased to fill it with all truth, in all peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in any thing it is amiss, reform it. Where it is right, establish it; where it is in want, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of him who died and rose again, and ever liveth to make intercession for us, Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

### Our parish

**A**LMIGHTY and everlasting God, we thank thee for thy servants gone before who laid a firm foundation for the growth of thy Church here in Athens. Renew in us the gifts of thy mercy; increase our faith, strengthen our hope, enlighten our understanding, enlarge our charity, and make us ready to serve thee. Raise up, we beseech thee, others in our midst, that our parish of thy Church may grow and prosper to proclaim the unsearchable riches of our Savior Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### Those serving in our nation's armed forces

**O** LORD God of Hosts, stretch forth, we pray thee, thine almighty arm to strengthen and protect the soldiers, sailors, marines and airmen of our country. Support them in the day of battle, and in the time of peace keep them safe from all evil; endue them with courage and loyalty; and grant that in all things they may serve without reproach; through Jesus Christ our Lord *Amen*

### Our nation and our world

**O** LORD our Governor, whose glory is in all the world; we live in disturbing days. Throughout the world prices rise, debts increase, banks collapse, jobs are taken away, and fragile security is under threat. Lord God, meet us in our fear and hear our prayer: be a tower of strength amidst the shifting sands, and a light in the darkness; help us receive thy gift of peace, and fix our hearts where true joys are to be found. We especially commend this nation to thy merciful care, that being guided by thy Providence, we may dwell secure in thy peace. Grant to The President of the United States, the Governor of our state and to all in civil authority, wisdom and strength to know and to do thy will. Fill them with the love of truth and righteousness; and make them ever mindful of their calling to serve this people in thy fear; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

**I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the House of the Lord.** (Psalm 122:1)

All of us at St. Stephen's are so glad to see familiar faces and those who are visiting with us today. Welcome to the Lord's House! We pray you'll feel instantly at home in the warm and personal fellowship of our Risen Lord here in St. Stephen's and will return to share with us again, soon.

Our parish, part of the Anglican Church in America, is a traditional church, worshipping in the ancient fashion passed down to us directly from our Faith's earliest beginnings over 20 centuries ago. We worship our Lord using Anglican liturgy. Beautiful and Scriptural, its simple elegance comes to us from the worship used originally by the Hebrews in the temple and developed by the undivided church for some 15 centuries.

Our Book of Common Prayer, the basis of our worship, was translated and arranged by Anglican divines some four and a half centuries ago. Well over 72 million Anglicans are worshipping in like fashion all over the world. We pray it blesses you!

After the service, you are most welcome to join us for fellowship in our parish hall. Again, we are so happy you are with us this blessed day that the Lord has made.

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**OUR MINISTERS**

All Baptized Christians at St. Stephen's including

Mr. Kenneth Nash, Esq., Director of Music and Sr. Warden

Mr. Christian Hancock, Jr. Warden

Ms. Yvonne Crumpton, Director of Outreach Ministry and Clerk of Parish

Ms. Cecelia Holland Kling, RN, GNP, Parish Nurse and Treasurer

Ms. Patricia Rainwater, Altar Guild Director

Briton Tarrance, Head Acolyte

Sr. Monica, F/OSA, Parish Administrator

Father Jerry Pardue, Rector

The Very Rev. Clayton Holland, Dean of the Southwestern Deanery

The Rt. Rev. Stephen Strawn, Bishop, Diocese of the Missouri Valley

The Most Rev. Louis Falk, President Bishop, Anglican Church America

The Most Rev. John Hepworth, Primate, Traditional Anglican Communion

**THIS PARISH IS NOT ENDOWED,** but depends entirely upon our tithes and offerings to the glory of God. We pray those presently not doing so will come to know the great blessing of offering the Biblical Tithe (10%) of our time, talent, and treasure.

TOTAL INCOME \$ 39,787.64

DISBURSEMENTS TO DATE 39,119.91

*All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee.*

1 Chronicles xxix. 14.

**December Birthdays**

4 Linda Underhill

17 Rodney Lee

23 Jeremy Haimes

28 Kylee Lookabaugh

30 Gina Byrum



**Lessons and Carols**

**For Advent**

**5:30 pm Sunday December 14**

**with a Wine and Cheese**

**Tasting afterwards**

Please join us in our annual preparation for Christmas with Advent music and selected lessons from Holy Scripture.



**The Boar's  
Head Festival**

Sunday, January 4, 2009

4 pm Pageant followed by dinner

**Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church.**

**A**LMIGHTY and everliving God, who by Thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men; We humbly beseech thee most mercifully to accept our [*alms and*] oblations, and to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto Thy Divine Majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: And grant that all those who do confess Thy holy Name may agree in the truth of Thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love. Especially

Diocese of Missouri Valley

**St. John, Kansas City, MO**  
**St Barnabas, Omaha, NE**  
**St. Stephen, Athens, TX**  
**Christ Our Saviour, Denison, TX**  
**St. Patrick, Hurst, TX**

TAC **The Traditional Anglican Church in Japan**

ALL Religious Orders...Especially

**The Order of St. Augustine**                      **St. Benedict's Abbey**

WE beseech thee also, so to direct and dispose the hearts of all Christian Rulers, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of Thy true religion, and virtue. Especially

**George, our President**                      **Rick, our Governor**  
**Barack, Joe, & all elected for County, State & National Offices**  
**The Legislatures and Courts of our land.**

GIVE grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops and other Ministers, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth Thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer Thy holy Sacraments. Especially

**Stephen, Missouri Valley**                      **Ignatius of Antioch**  
**Louis, Anglican Church in America**      **Alexis of Moscow**  
**John, Traditional Anglican Communion**   **James of Dallas**  
**John-David of San Joachin**                **Jack of Fort Worth**  
**Robert of Pittsburgh**                        **Rowan of Canterbury**  
**Bartholomew of Constantinople**         **Benedict of Rome**

AND to all Thy People give Thy heavenly grace; and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear, and receive Thy holy Word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. Especially

**Fr. Jerry Pardue**                      **The PARROTT family**  
**Charles Plotz**                         **Sandra Thomas**  
**Hazel Smith**                            **The RAINWATER family**  
**James Smith Family**                **Scott Smith Family**

**Kehyler Muehl**                      **Britton & Margaret Tarrance** Those in the Military

Tim

**John**    **Robert**  
**AJ**    **TJ**  
**Richard**                                        **Charlie**  
**Jerry+**    **Simone**  
**Bill**     **Jared**  
**Courtney**                                       **Ralph**  
**Tracey Sue**                                    **Dallas**  
**Samantha**                                     **Joe**  
**Lauren**                                        **Jerry L.**  
**Sharon**                                        **Justin**

**Our troops in harms way, their leaders and their families.**

AND we most humbly beseech thee, of Thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. Especially

**David**    **Walter**  
**Ann & Marshall**                              **Diana, Don, Ann**  
**John**     **The Jerry Irvin family**  
**Anne**     **Nola Robertson & family**  
**Valerie**    **The HOWARD Family**  
**Chuck & Sr. Mary Anne**                   **Linda & Family**  
**Fr. Richard & Marsha**                    **Fr. Vincent & Fr. Joseph**  
**Fr. Mack**                                        **Sr. Mary Michael**  
**Joseph**    **Elizabeth**  
**Ed & Margaret**                               **Galen & Michelle**  
**Caitlyn & Aiden**                              **Vicki Haimes**  
**Kelly**    **Gary & Lisa Braden**  
**Carol**    **Isaac**  
**Katy**    **Karen**  
**Elsa Miller & Family**                       **Sandy & Family**  
**Jenny**     **Alecia & Family**  
**Melvin**    **Loraine**  
**Miriam & Family**                            **Shirley Anne**  
**Frances**    **The Holt Family**  
**Sr. Emily Ann**                                **Camille & James**  
**Kris**    **Fr. Robert & Doris Hardin**  
**Pam**    **Gladys**

AND we also bless Thy holy Name for all Thy servants departed this life in Thy faith and fear; beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in Thy love and service, and to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of Thy heavenly kingdom.

Especially **Jane McMonigal**                      **Wilfred Armstrong**  
**Illeana Haeliger**                              **Richard Doty**  
**Norean Clanton**                                **Horton Bunch**

Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen*

## Advent II, December 7, 2008

### 8 am Low Mass

#### Noon Book of Common Prayer HOLY COMMUNION

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY	BCP	92
THE COLLECT FOR ADVENT	BCP	90
THE EPISTLE Romans 15:4	BCP	92
THE GOSPEL St Luke 21:25	BCP	93

### 10 am MORNING PRAYER

Antiphon: Our King and Saviour draweth | nigh;

\* O come, let | us **adore** him

Psalm: 119:1-16 BCP 489

Lesson: Isaiah 55

Canticle: Benedicite omnia opera

### SUNG MASS

PRELUDE :

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 391 (St. Flavian)

*Christ whose Glory Fills the Skies*

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY BCP 92

THE COLLECT FOR ADVENT BCP 90

THE EPISTLE Romans 15:4 BCP 92

THE GOSPEL St Luke 21:25 BCP 93

SEQUENCE HYMN 6 (Conditor alme) *Creator of the Stars of Night*

**Visitors please place a visitor card in the offering plate.**

**We are pleased and blessed you are worshipping with us!**

OFFERTORY HYMN 440 (Aberystwyth)

*Watchman Tell Us of the Night*

COMMUNION HYMN 8 (Verbum supernum)

*O Word That Goest Forth On High*

RECESSIONAL HYMN 5 (St. Thomas)

Lo He Comes with Clouds Descending

~~~~~NEXT SUNDAY'S HYMNS~~~~~

PRO # 473 (Dawn) *High O'er the Lonely Hills*

SEQ # 298 (Talls' Ordinal) *The Great Creator of the World*

OFF # 10 (Winchester New) *On Jordan's Bank the Baptist Cry*

COM # insert *Alleluia, He Is Coming*

REC # 9 (Merton) *Hark a Thrilling Voice Is Sounding*

## Lessons and Carols for Advent

5:30 pm Sunday December 14

Opening hymn *Once in Royal David's City*

A Bidding Prayer

First Lesson: Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-25 (God creates man and woman to live in obedience to him in the Garden of Eden)

Carol: *He's Got the Whole World in His Hands*

Second Lesson: Genesis 3:1-24 (Adam and Eve rebel against God and are cast out of the Garden of Eden)

Carol: *Coventry Carol*

Third Lesson: Isaiah 40:1-11 (God comforts his people and calls on them to prepare for redemption)

Carol: *I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day*

Fourth Lesson: Isaiah 11:1-10 (The prophet Isaiah announces the coming of a new, righteous king of the branch of David's line)

Carol: *I Know a Rose-Tree Springing*

Fifth Lesson: Isaiah 7:10-16 (God promises that a child shall be conceived who will be known as "God with us")

Carol: *The Holy and the Ivy*

Sixth Lesson: Jeremiah 31:31-34 (A new covenant is promised which will be written in our hearts)

Carol: *What Wondrous Love Is This*

Seventh Lesson: Micah 5:2-4 (The one who is to rule Israel will be born in the village of Bethlehem)

Carol: *See Amid the Winter's Snow*

Eighth Lesson: Baruch 4:36—5:9 (The scribe Baruch urges the people to look East because salvation is at hand)

Carol: *Prepare the Way, O Zion!*

Ninth Lesson: Luke 1:26-38 (The Angel Gabriel announces to the Virgin Mary that she will bear the Son of the Most High)

Carol: *Sing of Mary, Pure and Lowly*

*The service concludes with an appropriate collect and blessing.*

Closing hymn: *Sussex Carol*

**Wine and Cheese Tasting afterwards**